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The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. For a wider range of statistics reference should be made to the Monthly Review of Business Statistics which is more comprehensive and covers a longer run of years but is not quite as up to date as the Digest. Where possible series in the Digest are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series are given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* 1975, issued by this Bureau in July 1975 which contains original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form for one hundred and twenty three selected series. The seasonally adjusted indicators included therein are up-dated in relevant monthly and quarterly publications of this Bureau.

As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of some calendar irregularities, namely: 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc., in the month) and the influence of movable holidays, i.e. Easter and Australia Day. The adjustments made to each series are indicated in Appendix B of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* 1975.

The seasonally adjusted series are subject to revision.

A list of the individual mimeograph publications from which the series in the Digest are derived is shown on page 8. These contain more information about the series and in each case are published as soon as the latest figures become available.

## Symbols and other Usages

p - preliminary. Subject to revision.

r - revised.

— Break in continuity of series (where drawn across a column between two consecutive figures).

NOTE. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding.

PRODUCTION (a)

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (b) '000 tonnes		Lead (c) '000 tonnes		Electricity Mil. kWh		Gas (d) ml. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (e) '000		Electric motors under one hp '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1974-75 - January	4,630	5,965		25.8	5,379	5,889	12,354	679	694	305	418	13.9	29.5	147	264			
February	6,514	6,636	24,857	33.5	5,489	6,356	12,682	660	726	401	440	34.7	34.8	287	322			
March	5,470	6,155		34.4	5,824	6,240	14,141	692	688	415	412	33.1	33.7	303	333			
April	5,984	6,304		35.3	5,907	6,113	14,989	640	672	413	415	36.3	33.6	316	323			
May	6,568	5,859	24,380	35.4	6,482	6,166	16,159	664	657	460	433	43.2	40.6	304	308			
June	5,353	4,887		35.1	6,795	6,298	18,276	573	628	424	418	39.7	38.3	294	320			
1975-76 - July	4,846	4,157		36.5	7,028	6,031	19,109	593	569	439	412	41.5	36.6	325	279			
August	3,614	4,129	25,429	35.9	6,776	6,137	18,710	735	717	429	413	39.7	38.6	328	302			
September	4,691	4,355		36.1	6,274	6,033	17,125	696	689	450	437	42.1	37.2	324	286			
October	7,478	6,287		37.7	6,273	6,217	17,127	589	551	443	399	43.7	37.9	392	311			
November	6,738	6,276		34.0	5,940	6,380	15,396	663	646	449	422	35.9	35.4	382	337			
December					5,950	6,326	14,395	661	633	389	408	34.6	38.9	314	314			
January					5,764	6,346	13,312	672	684	255	351	13.0	29.4	171	331			

(a) Figures are preliminary and subject to revision. (b) Gross mine output. (c) Metallic contents of mine products. (d) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (e) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

PRODUCTION - continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (excl. towels and towelling) (a) '000 sq m						Woollen and worsted woven cloth (excl. blanketeting) (a) '000 sq m						Man-made fibre cloth (a) '000 sq m		Boots, shoes and sandals (a) '000 pairs		Meat (a) '000 tonnes		Whole milk production all purposes (a) mil. litres		Brokers and Dealers receipts of taxable wool		STOCKS (c)	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Total '000 kg	% of total received by brokers (b)	Original	Seas. adj.				
1974-75 - January	744	1,634	274	420	3,382	1,296	184	206	677	552	45,677	83.8												
February	3,239	3,426	563	488	6,906	2,194	182	207	493	540	42,403	78.1												
March	2,964	3,049	528	496	7,041	2,226	183	198	437	506	39,320	76.6												
April	2,775	2,980	455	424	7,449	2,471	199	191	363	550	37,610	76.7												
May	3,816	3,184	572	586	8,890	2,396	201	177	307	560	33,637	76.0												
June	3,331	3,155	561	720	10,141	2,243	202	192	289	547	26,697	77.2												
1975-76 - July	3,572	3,346	680	641	10,419	2,794	229	201	363	525	42,903	76.0												
August	4,694	4,005	651	722	10,065	2,761	186	186	530	548	64,693	79.0												
September	4,276	3,913	692	657	10,703	2,629	204	204	687	550	95,207	82.8												
October	4,940	4,235	813	737	11,034	3,144	222	205	838	563	99,418	79.2												
November	3,878	3,666	738	635	9,729	2,569	191	205	825	567	88,322	79.3												
December	2,949	3,640	632	640	7,451	1,966	195	215	798	564	68,706	81.5												
January	1,398	3,058	418	684	4,877	183	210																	

(a) Figures are preliminary and are subject to revision. (b) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (c) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication reference No. 5.54.

OVERSEAS TRADE

Month	Total exports, value \$m		Total imports, value \$m		Index of value of merchandise exports at constant prices 1966-67 = 100		Index of value of merchandise imports at constant prices 1966-67 = 100		Export price index		Official reserve assets (e) \$m		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	All groups 1959-60 = 100	All groups excl. wool	Original	Seas. adj.	
1974-75	January	747	723	710	670	168	169	144	145	185	216	3,133	3,210
	February	735	755	593	621		171	174	154	181	211	3,101	3,211
	March	676	742	544	598		177	174	141	185	215	3,220	3,304
	April	769	813	655	679		174	145	184	214	214	3,317	3,391
	May	801	718	646	634		177	141	183	211	211	3,392	3,376
	June	770	816	546	587		178	145	178	206	206	3,493	3,434
1975-76	July	756	771	689	639	171	174	154	152	179	207	3,545	3,517
	August	831	826	634	638		174	154	152	181	210	3,429	3,364
	September	688	697	636	653		171	174	154	180	210	3,318	3,352
	October	817	728	686	585		174	154	152	183	212	3,172	3,110
	November	695	684	636	650		177	152	152	184	213	3,211	3,110
	December	774	810	656	677		177	152	152	187	216	2,588	2,554
	January	763	742	700	689		177	152	152	187	216	2,619	2,680
	February	775	810	680	717		177	152	152	187	216	2,619	2,680

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail Sales <sup>†</sup>								Installment credit for retail sales finance companies and other businesses, balances outstanding (c) \$m					New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered (d) '000		
	All items except motor vehicles parts, petrol, etc. (a) \$m		Total groceries food & drink (a) \$m		Clothing, electrical, hardware and furniture (a) \$m		Other (a) (b) \$m		Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	New motor cars and station wagons registered '000	Original	Other new motor vehicles registered (d) '000	Original	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	
1974-75	January	1,302	1,350	1,848	1,870	1,268	1,477	704	752	2,068	30.4	33.8	7.8	9.0	30.4	33.8	7.8	9.0
	February	1,219	1,370		1,870	1,268	1,477	704	752	2,066	44.4	50.9	9.2	10.9	44.4	50.9	9.2	10.9
	March	1,300	1,396		1,870	1,268	1,477	704	752	2,077	44.4	48.0	9.6	11.0	44.4	48.0	9.6	11.0
	April	1,387	1,434		1,865	1,926	1,585	1,579	752	2,082	51.6	53.2	11.2	10.4	51.6	53.2	11.2	10.4
	May	1,479	1,421		1,865	1,926	1,585	1,579	752	2,092	42.7	38.0	11.1	9.9	42.7	38.0	11.1	9.9
	June	1,348	1,445		1,865	1,926	1,585	1,579	752	2,097	36.2	38.8	10.3	10.3	36.2	38.8	10.3	10.3
1975-76	July	1,419	1,466	1,927	1,979	1,548	1,618	764	825	2,113	43.3	39.3	11.7	10.7	43.3	39.3	11.7	10.7
	August	1,427	1,469		1,927	1,979	1,548	1,618	764	2,132	39.4	39.8	10.7	10.6	39.4	39.8	10.7	10.6
	September	1,444	1,497		1,927	1,979	1,548	1,618	764	2,147	34.0	33.0	9.9	9.7	34.0	33.0	9.9	9.7
	October	1,567	1,503		1,927	1,979	1,548	1,618	764	2,172	39.6	35.9	11.2	9.8	39.6	35.9	11.2	9.8
	November	1,560	1,524		1,927	1,979	1,548	1,618	764	2,199	31.7	31.6	9.3	9.4	31.7	31.6	9.3	9.4
	December	2,007	1,542		1,927	1,979	1,548	1,618	764	2,236	32.9	32.9	8.4	8.8	32.9	32.9	8.4	8.8
	January	1,487	1,545		1,927	1,979	1,548	1,618	764	2,097	30.2	34.1	8.6	10.4	30.2	34.1	8.6	10.4

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other; excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (c) At end of month, amounts financed to new agreements made were: October \$m144; November \$m128; December \$m146. (d) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

(e) Replaces previously published series Gold and net foreign assets.

† Based on the 1968-69 census of retail establishments.

INTERNAL TRADE - *continued*

## WAGES, RETAIL PRICES AND FACTORY OVERTIME

Month	New wheeled tractors sold for agricultural purposes No.		Average weekly earnings per employed male unit \$		Weekly wage rates index, adult males (a) 1954 = 100	Consumer price index, six capitals, year 1966-67 = 100.0						Factory overtime (b) at larger private factories hours	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		All groups	Food	Clothing and drapery	Housing	Household supplies and equipment	Miscellaneous group	Original	Original
1974-75 - January	3,335	3,433	143.60	152.00	$\begin{bmatrix} 373.7 \\ 374.8 \\ 379.5 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 380.1 \\ 397.4 \\ 398.7 \end{bmatrix}$	174.1	163.4	175.2	190.2	149.2	187.2	$\begin{bmatrix} 1.8 \\ 2.3 \\ 2.2 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 2.2 \\ 2.1 \\ 2.0 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 2.0 \\ 2.2 \\ 1.9 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 2.0 \\ 1.9 \\ 1.6 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 2.1 \\ 1.7 \\ 1.6 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 1.8 \\ 1.8 \\ 1.8 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 1.8 \\ 1.9 \\ 2.0 \end{bmatrix}$
February													
March													
April													
May													
1975-76 - July	4,420	3,612	156.30	154.20	$\begin{bmatrix} 397.4 \\ 398.7 \end{bmatrix}$	180.2	168.9	182.9	200.3	154.4	192.1	$\begin{bmatrix} 1.6 \\ 1.6 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 1.6 \\ 1.7 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 1.8 \\ 1.8 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 1.8 \\ 1.8 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 1.9 \\ 1.9 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 2.1 \\ 2.0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1.6 \\ 1.7 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 1.8 \\ 1.8 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 1.8 \\ 1.8 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 1.9 \\ 1.9 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 2.1 \\ 2.0 \end{bmatrix}$
February													
March													
April													
May													
June													

(a) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (b) Source: Department of Employment and Industrial Relations. Average hours worked in survey week.

## BUILDING, ETC.

Month	Building approvals \$m				Government building approved \$m		Building commenced total \$m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Buildings, other than dwellings commenced \$m		New capital expenditure by private businesses (a)			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original
1974-75 - January	263.2	319.6	7.5	9.3	88.9	$\begin{bmatrix} 1,086.1 \\ 1,089.1 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 28.4 \\ 29.2 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 515.8 \\ 507.7 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 441.4 \\ 512.7 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 641.1 \\ 707.6 \end{bmatrix}$	1,203.6	1,175.6	32.9	31.7	510.3	496.8	585.4	559.3	852.7	819.8
	257.1	277.9	8.3	9.4	70.4											
February	324.2	354.3	9.9	10.7	94.3											
March	397.9	383.5	11.1	10.4	140.9											
April	425.7	401.8	11.9	11.0	141.4											
May	482.7	425.0	12.8	12.4	209.6											
1975-76 - July	461.1	402.2	12.5	11.3	133.8	$\begin{bmatrix} 1,345.8 \\ 1,322.2 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 35.1 \\ 34.1 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 551.0 \\ 560.9 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 545.5 \\ 545.4 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 814.8 \\ 828.5 \end{bmatrix}$	31.7	33.1	$\begin{bmatrix} 567.7 \\ 518.5 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 838.0 \\ 780.6 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 814.8 \\ 828.5 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 567.7 \\ 518.5 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 838.0 \\ 780.6 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 814.8 \\ 828.5 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 567.7 \\ 518.5 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 838.0 \\ 780.6 \end{bmatrix}$					
February	359.6	397.9	10.4	10.4	79.5											
March	530.4	519.3	12.4	11.4	168.8											
April	401.6	365.5	12.1	11.2	72.4											
May	405.5	417.1	12.4	12.8	73.7											
June	400.3	422.1	11.8	12.4	63.8											
July	343.2	435.3	8.8	11.4	52.2											

(a) For further details, see the bulletin "Capital Expenditure by Private Businesses in Australia" (Integrated Series) December quarter 1974 (Reference No. 5.8) issued 10.3.75.

## FINANCE

## Major Trading Banks †

Month	Savings banks †								New and increased lending commitments \$m	Finance companies, balances outstanding (a) \$m	Commonwealth bond yield short dated Per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue, Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m					
	Deposits \$m		Housing loans \$m		Deposits \$m		Advances \$m						Original	Original				
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					Original	Original				
1974-75 -January	12,012	12,025	4,038	13,179	12,640	9,504	9,620	89.2	8,153	8.20	255.9	343.3	1,305	1,379				
	12,184	12,214	4,158	13,628	12,928	9,526	9,732	108.0	8,128	8.10		255.9	343.3	1,067	1,350			
	12,218	12,309	4,315	13,983	13,432	9,485	9,632	132.4	8,125	8.12		255.9	343.3	1,088	1,235			
	12,259	12,437	4,460	14,159	13,788	9,643	9,517	126.7	8,090	8.24		255.9	343.3	1,933	1,409			
	12,407	12,590	4,583	13,700	13,848	9,913	9,709	129.0	8,075	8.18		279.6	304.5	2,787	1,372			
	12,790	12,828	4,717	13,665	14,189	9,932	9,743	115.2	8,105	8.30		279.6	304.5	1,807	1,375			
1975-76 -July	12,946	12,920	4,826	13,910	14,547	10,046	9,870	100.4	8,094	8.22	286.9	271.2	1,081	1,379				
	13,198	13,103	4,909	14,179	14,782	10,014	10,005	90.8	8,173	8.23		286.9	271.2	1,404	1,419			
	13,442	13,591	5,016	14,497	14,935	10,057	10,107	93.3	8,240	8.22		286.9	271.2	1,022	1,529			
	13,744	13,557	5,170	14,943	15,112	10,195	10,166	102.3	8,396	8.31		286.9	271.2	1,143	1,451			
	13,804	13,688	5,255	15,067	15,182	10,072	10,185	101.1	8,474	8.26		353.8	275.3	1,658	1,489			
	14,006	13,976	5,395	15,500	15,230	10,177	10,293	99.0	8,539	8.20		353.8	275.3	1,304	1,481			
January	14,044	14,043	5,437	15,679	15,087	10,290	10,416	98.5										

(a) Contracts including charges, plus contracts excluding charges. Amounts shown are intended to provide a broad overall measure of total balances outstanding; however, movements may be affected by changes in the proportion of the two components to the total. For further details see the monthly publication "Finance Companies". (Reference No. 5.14).

† Includes external territories.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Quarter	Final consumption expenditure												Gross fixed capital expenditure				
	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Private		Government		Private		Public				
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
AT CURRENT PRICES																	
1973-74 - June	12,620	13,183	467	913	12,153	12,270	7,706	7,787	1,892	1,794	2,172	2,104	1,230	1,086			
1974-75 - September	13,524	13,836	652	892	12,872	12,944	8,046	8,106	1,976	2,030	2,131	2,120	1,042	1,136			
December	16,254	14,632	1,608	916	14,646	13,716	8,867	8,365	2,297	2,195	2,264	2,131	1,384	1,324			
March	14,168	14,836	1,037	915	13,131	13,921	8,428	8,817	2,198	2,372	1,970	2,192	1,245	1,375			
June	15,057	15,709	327	843	14,730	14,866	9,201	9,292	2,621	2,487	2,423	2,344	1,693	1,494			
1974-76 - September	15,845	16,130	646	895	15,199	15,235	9,433	9,506	2,536	2,606	2,424	2,44	1,399	1,527			
December	18,657	16,707	1,839	991	16,818	15,716	10,383	9,805	2,872	2,743	2,567	2,423	1,677	1,600			
AT AVERAGE 1966-67 PRICES																	
1973-74 - June	7,687	8,015	295	589	7,392	7,426	5,060	5,089	939	888	1,357	1,307	744	660			
1974-75 - September	7,687	7,851	469	611	7,218	7,240	4,991	5,032	927	946	1,259	1,260	584	635			
December	8,916	8,042	1,096	691	7,820	7,351	5,281	4,998	982	961	1,256	1,186	741	710			
March	7,696	8,060	766	712	6,930	7,348	4,883	5,110	910	965	1,058	1,172	651	718			
June	7,865	8,193	407	707	7,458	7,486	5,193	5,222	1,066	1,009	1,269	1,220	847	751			
1975-76 - September	7,888	8,074	531	691	7,357	7,383	5,108	5,157	995	1,016	1,218	1,218	691	752			
December	8,884	7,924	1,287	782	7,597	7,142	5,366	5,077	1,046	1,024	1,243	1,177	794	760			
AT CURRENT PRICES - continued																	
Imports of goods and services																	
						Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises						Income of farm unincorporated enterprises		Other household income		Less direct taxes, etc.	
						Companies		Other		Wages, salaries and supplements		\$m		\$m		Household disposable income	
						\$m		\$m		\$m		\$m		\$m		\$m	
Quarter	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original
1973-74 - June	2,334	2,361	2,034	2,056	1,445	1,540	2,199	2,800	7,597	7,528							
1974-75 - September	2,689	2,610	2,240	2,294	1,346	1,298	2,657	2,796	8,214	8,334							
December	2,654	2,652	2,521	2,420	1,843	1,588	3,755	2,858	9,201	8,743							
March	2,285	2,334	2,450	2,467	1,208	1,397	2,927	2,947	8,538	9,018							
June	2,319	2,344	2,570	2,599	1,804	1,926	2,293	2,994	9,237	9,153							
1975-76 - September	2,447	2,380	2,443	2,504	1,779	1,714	3,055	3,190	9,412	9,508							
December	2,477	2,480	2,672	2,559	2,035	1,753	4,495	3,396	10,300	9,745							

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid or payable by persons to general government. These include income tax payable and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

Series revised

Revised series not yet available

## LABOUR FORCE (a)

## UNEMPLOYMENT AND JOB VACANCIES

Month	Labour force males civilian '000		Labour force, married women civilian '000		Labour force, total civilians '000 persons		Unemployed persons '000		Persons registered for employment (b) '000		Unemployment benefit number on (c) '000 persons		Job vacancies registered (b) '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1974-75	January								311.6	226.0	182.3	134.3	42.5	34.7
	February								297.7	252.0	184.2	162.7	38.4	34.5
	March								270.8	267.8	157.5	162.8	34.5	33.7
	April								265.4	281.1	168.5	166.8	31.3	33.5
	May								248.1	270.0	159.9	160.3	28.8	31.6
	June								246.0	270.2	160.7	164.1	25.5	29.9
1975-76	July								251.6	287.7	(e)	(e)	25.5	30.5
	August								248.2	299.9	170.9	188.5	26.2	29.3
	September								246.1	303.7	179.9	213.2	26.0	26.6
	October								247.2	315.8	176.5	228.8	25.0	23.6
	November								265.6	288.2	184.5	215.9	28.4	26.5
	December								328.7	286.9	231.3	187.9	29.3	26.4
	January								343.9	257.4	248.6	182.7	35.2	28.8

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Registered with Commonwealth Employment Service at Friday nearest the end of the month. (c) At Saturday nearest the end of month. (d) Excludes Darwin. (e) Unavailable due to the introduction of new administrative procedures.

## CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (a)

Month	Total civilian employees '000						Private/Government '000 persons				Principal industries '000 persons				
	Males		Females		Persons		Private		Government		Manufacturing		Commerce		
Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	
1974-75	July	(b)3,107	(b)3,114	(b)1,747	(b)1,752	(b)4,854	(b)4,865	(b)3,650	(b)3,662	(b)1,204	(b)1,203	(b)1,421	(b)1,426	(b)841	(b)847
	August	(b)3,101	(b)3,113	(b)1,741	(b)1,748	(b)4,842	(b)4,859	(b)3,636	(b)3,650	(b)1,207	(b)1,209	(b)1,412	(b)1,417	839	846
	September	(b)3,098	(b)3,110	1,738	1,742	(b)4,836	(b)4,852	(b)3,626	(b)3,637	1,210	1,215	1,406	1,410	838	843
	October	3,095	3,108	1,733	1,733	4,828	4,843	3,614	3,622	1,214	1,221	1,388	1,389	842	843
	November	3,092	3,089	1,730	1,718	4,821	4,807	3,602	3,582	1,219	1,225	1,375	1,367	845	836
	December	3,081	3,072	1,707	1,703	4,789	4,775	3,567	3,553	1,221	1,223	1,344	1,347	848	828
	January	3,066	3,066	1,681	1,699	4,747	4,767	3,528	3,538	1,219	1,229	1,326	1,330	834	834
	February	3,076	3,067	1,703	1,703	4,778	4,770	3,531	3,529	1,247	1,242	1,323	1,319	830	834
	March	3,077	3,066	1,706	1,699	4,782	4,765	3,519	3,510	1,263	1,254	1,314	1,309	829	831
	April	(b)3,077	(b)3,072	1,715	1,711	(b)4,792	(b)4,781	3,526	3,522	(b)1,266	(b)1,257	1,310	1,309	835	837
	May	3,093	3,087	1,719	1,713	4,812	4,799	3,526	3,519	1,286	1,279	1,307	1,305	835	835
	June	(b)3,088	(b)3,088	1,720	1,719	(b)4,809	(b)4,808	(b)3,518	(b)3,520	1,291	1,287	1,303	1,304	834	835
1975-76	July	(b)3,076	(b)3,083	1,724	1,728	(b)4,800	(b)4,810	(b)3,509	(b)3,520	1,291	1,291	1,301	1,305	834	840
	August	3,064	3,075	1,731	1,731	4,788	4,804	3,501	3,515	1,288	1,290	1,298	1,302	831	839
	September	3,057	3,069	1,731	1,735	4,788	4,804	3,506	3,517	1,282	1,288	1,298	1,302	835	841

(a) Excludes employees in agriculture and private domestic service, and defence forces. The estimates shown in this table incorporate some amendments to previously published figures. (b) Affected by industrial disputes.

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